

declaring our demand unjust, the Plenipotentiaries offer, in a spirit of con-

of about three and a half millions of francs for the relief of the victims of Langson. They add that if we accept this sum they will ask the Emperor to issue a decree in this sense. I, of course, refused this offer, and limited myself to telling the Viceroy that I would refer it to my Government.

Subsequent to the receipt of this despatch, M. Ferry, during an interview with the Chinese Minister in Paris, said he had sent fresh instructions to M. Patenôtre. "In these instructions," the Paris Cabinet informed in its most decided manner the principle of the indemnity, but it would not be a certain sum, it would be a variable sum, depending from two hundred millions to 250 hundred millions of francs. M. Ferry also told Li Fung-pao that if the Tsungli Yamen persevered in its absolutely ridiculous offer, the French Government had decided to adopt active measures.

Keelung was bombarded on the 6th August, and a few days afterwards a semi-official "note" was published in Paris stating that the Conference at Shanghai having only resulted up to the present in the offer of an illusory indemnity on the part of China, and the respite fixed by the French ultimatum having expired on the 4th inst., the French Government had been placed

Admiral Lesper therefore took possession on the 5th August of the port of Keelung and the coal mines in its vicinity. The news reached Shanghai on the 8th August. M. Palenot wrote immediately to the Chinese Plenipotentiaries informing them that it depended upon the Taou-ki-Yan to shorten the French occupation by satisfying the French demands. The amount of the French indemnity is reduced to 80,000,000*fr.* payable in ten annual instalments.

Speaking in the Congress on the 11th August, M. Ferry said that the Imperial Edict published at Peking ordering the evacuation by the Chinese troops of the frontier fortresses was "a calamitous

French Government had reduced its claim for an indemnity from two hundred and fifty to thirty millions of francs. After much discussion and various shifts in the part of the French Cabinet, three million francs and a half had been offered to the victims of Langson. The French Plenipotentiaries refused this, and it was evident that France was at the end of her stock of patience. China must be taught that France was not to be trifled with, and it was for that purpose that the French warship had been destroyed as a first warning.

Since August 20, thirty prior to the fighting at Foonchow. We quote this note in full:

Notwithstanding the successive delays granted to the Chinese Government, and the repeated assurances of the French Government, the Peking Cabinet did not send any satisfaction for the Laopang breach, and recalled its plenipotentiaries from Shanghai. The French Government then addressed a final summons to the Chinese Government. M. Patrice was consequently directed to notify to the Chinese Government that the French Government considered that the amount of the indemnity had been finally fixed at 1,600,000,000 payable in ten years; and that if within forty-eight hours this demand was not complied with, Admiral Courbet would be authorized immediately to take the necessary measures.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next **AMERICAN MAIL**, per the **F. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rhode Island***, with the **West American mails**, left Yokohama on **Thursday, the 26th inst.**, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about **Wednesday, the 1st Oct.**

The next **FRENCH MAIL**, per the **M. M. Steamer *St. Raphael***, left Singapore on **Friday, the 29th September, at 2 p.m.** for Saigon and this port, and may be expected here on or about **Friday, the 3rd October.**

The **S. S. Japanese Mail**, left Singapore on the **22nd inst.** for this port.

The S. S. *Cebu*, left Singapore on the 24th instant for this port.

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The S. S. *Territorial*, left Singapore for this port on the 24th instant.

The S. S. *Guthrie* left Sydney for this port on the 26th instant.

The S. S. *Warrigal*, left Melbourne for this port on the 27th instant.

The S. S. *Huron*, left Vancouver, B. C., third port on the 28th instant.

The S. S. *Green Isle*, left Glasgow for this port on the 29th September.

The S.S. *Frederic* departed from the small Government wharf opposite the Indian-mission, left Calcutta on the morning of the 27th September, for this port.

DOCK MOVEMENTS
The *Ampla* will leave Kontout Point for
Suez tomorrow.
The *Herman* will leave Comogedon Dock
for tomorrow.

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us that the S. S. *Windsor* left Singapore
for this port to-day.

9 A.M.	30,000	11.11
1 P.M.	31,000	11.11
4 P.M.	30,040	11.11
9 A.M.	30	11.11
1 P.M.	30	11.11
4 P.M.	30	11.11
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Do 1 P.M.	72	11.11
Do 4 P.M.	77	11.11

